

**MARTINSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2016**

Chairman Joanne Stuttgen called the meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission to order at 7:55 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Martinsville, IN.

ATTENDANCE: Those members present were:

Katie Barnard
Ross Holloway
Grady Howard
Mike Kirsch, Vice-Chairman
Kim Lauderman
Ben Merida
Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary
Joanne Stuttgen, Chairman
Tom Williams
Brian Love, Building Inspector

Chairman Joanne Stuttgen welcomed Ben Merida, Steve Bodi and Kim Fishel as new members to the Plan Commission.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 26, 2016, meeting had not been received by all the members; therefore, the minutes will be approved at the March 22, 2016, meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission.

AGENDA:

SELECTION OF ATTORNEY: Letters of application for the position of Plan Commission Attorney had been received. Applications had been received from Brian Williams, Cassie Mellady and Lori Craig.

MOTION: Ross Holloway made a motion to table the hiring of a new attorney until the March meeting of the Plan Commission. This motion was seconded by Katie Barnard and passed unanimously.

SIGN DISCUSSION, SUPER SPORTS, 59 E. Washington Street, Martinsville. Jordan and Quinton Terrell were present at the meeting. The business had been purchased from the DeMott Family. Jordan Terrell said the sign had been taken down during an anniversary observation about 16-17 years ago and stored upstairs in the building. The store has been totally renovated inside.

Ross Holloway, City Engineer, said the size of the sign was well within the limit for downtown signs. The sign is 2 ft. x 12 ft.

REMONSTRATORS:

Cecilia Krefft. Ms. Krefft was favorable regarding the sign

Scott Terrell. Announced that the grand opening will be March 5, 2016.

MOTION: Ross Holloway made a motion to approve the request for the sign to be placed on the Super Sports store at 59 E. Washington Street as requested by Jordan and Quinton Terrell. This motion was seconded by Ben Merida and passed unanimously.

DOUG MOLIN PROPERTY, DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT: Discussion of exterior restoration plan.

Doug Molin sent a letter of information regarding the external building strategy of the business at 50 N. Main Street. A copy of this letter is attached. The letter contains facts concerning the plans for this building. Mr. Molin is to come in and discuss the plans with Brian Love and Ross Holloway.

SIGN ORDINANCE: Mayor Shannon Kohl would like the Plan Commission to resume work on a sign ordinance. Commissioner Mike Kirsch said a survey of signs by a committee that included Mayor Kohl had been conducted in 2014 and more than 50 signs had been found in violation. Since then some had been removed but others have been added.

Engineer Holloway said the sign violations have gone on long enough. It makes the city look poor.

A new survey will be conducted and after it is completed; owners with signs in violation will be notified and given 90 days to remove them.

It was the decision of the Plan Commission to apply for a State Office of Community and Rural Affairs grant to pay the costs of revision of the city's comprehensive plan this would include revising the city's sign ordinance. The city would be required to provide a 10 percent match, approximately \$4,400 to \$4,500 of the cost.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

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Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary

Katie Barnard

Mike Kirsch, Vice-Chairman

Kim Lauderman

Ross Holloway, Engineer

Grady Howard

David Trout

Tom Williams

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